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KARACHI FOR RCO

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REF: (A) 75 ATHENS 9139, (B) DAMASCUS 1116,
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1. RCO KARACHI HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED A TELEPHONE TECH TO VISIT DAMASCUS IN APRIL TO INSTALL NEW EPABX SYSTEM IN RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED FRAME-ROOM AND TO INSTALL 1A2 KEY SYSTEM IN FRONT OFFICE AREA OF CHANCERY (PER INSTRUCTIONS OF LATE 1974 SURVEY). ALL ITEMS ARE AT POST AND READY FOR INSTALLATION EXCEPT THOSE LISTED IN REFTEL (A). THESE ARE:

3000 FT. AT7441, 25 PAIR CABLE; 40 EA 500 MRW-3 TEL SETS;
10 EA 115A1 APP BOXES; 10 EA 66B4-25 BLOCKS; 1 EA COOK MDF E/W 3 VERTICLES, 18 4X26 SOLDER BLOCKS AND 1 EA 50PR PROTECTORS.
FUNDING DATA WAS PROVIDED TO DEPT. (REFTEL B) FOR AIRSHIPMENT OF THESE ITEMS TO POST.

FOR DEPT. PLEASE ADVISE SHIPPING DATES AND ETA OF THIS EQUIPMENT. AS IT MUST BE IN DAMASCUS DURING CEO-T'S APRIL VISIT.

2. SINCE THE ORIGINAL TELEPHONE SURVEY WAS COMPLETED IN LATE 1974, THIS CHANCERY AND ITS TELEPHONE REQUIREMENTS HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY. A SECOND SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE CRO DAMASCUS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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NOVEMBER 1975 AND THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS REPORTED TO THE

RCO IN DECEMBER 1975 (REFTEL C). THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS WERE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RELOCATION OF THE GSO, COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE MAIN CHANCERY BUILDING AND CALL FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL 1A2 KEY SYSTEMS, CABLING AND TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS. IN ADDITION, A 551 SYSTEM FOR 3-PHONE INTERCOM CAPABILITY IN THE DAO OFFICES WAS REQUESTED. REFTEL(D) REPORTED THAT REQUISITIONS FOR THE ABOVE WERE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT OC/PE/PT IN FEBRUARY 1976 TOTALING DOLLARS 1,005.20 PLUS SHIPPING FOR BUILDING REWIRING AND DOLLARS 2,674.36 PLUS SHIPPING FOR KEY SYSTEMS.

FOR KARACHI. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS FUNDING INCLUDES DAO REQUIREMENTS FOR 551 SYSTEM AND ALL WEATHER CABLING FOR ANNEXED OFFICES.

FOR DEPARTMENT. PLEASE ADVISE IF THESE ITEMS WILL BE SHIPPED TO DAMASCUS IN TIME TO BE INSTALLED BY CEO-T DURING HIS APRIL 1976 VISIT.

3. USAID/DAMASCUS PLANS TO PURCHASE AND USE EMBASSY'S OLD PABX SYSTEM (75 STATE 274127). USAID WOULD LIKE CEO-T TO INSTALL OLD PABX IN THEIR TEMPORARY (WHICH AID EXPECTS TO BE IN FOR ANYWHERE FROM FOUR TO NINE MONTHS.) OFFICES DURING HIS APRIL VISIT. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL.

4. IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR CEO APRIL VISIT, PLEASE ADVISE NUMBER OF LOCAL HELPERS REQUIRED BY CEO.
POST WILL NEED MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK NOTICE OF ARRIVAL IN ORDER TO ASSURE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

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